

BOSTON FLEET HAS GOOD FARES.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips Arrived After Prolonged Trip.

A good sized fleet of market boats and about all of them with nice paying fares, are at T wharf this morning, 17 of them in all, together with two off shores. The principal interest at the dock centered in the arrival of sch. Benjamin F. Phillips which shot up to the wharf about 8 o'clock. The vessel had been out longer than some of the wharf folks thought she should have been and some concern was expressed for her safety. The craft is all right, but had simply been up against hard weather.

The off shore sch. Morning-Star sold her small fare yesterday afternoon, but sch. Onato held on for this morning's market and made 10 cents on her haddock by so doing.

The fares of the market boats ranged from 8000 to 21,000 pounds, the latter fine catch going to the credit of sch. Angie B. Watson, whose captain is doing a great hustle. Others with good catches are schs. Victor and Ethan, Olive F. Hutchins, Clara G. Silva, Mary E. Cooney, Emily Cooney, Elizabeth W. Nunan and Gladys and Nellie. The headline pollocker Catherine D. Enos has a splendid trip 20,000 pounds.

Although it was cold the northwest wind blowing at Cape Cod Tuesday was not strong enough to interfere with fishing, and the dories and other small boats that run out a short distance from the shore to fish were able to get good quantities of cod.

From these and the other shore fishermen the market received quite a quantity of fish.

The shad from Florida, which were quoted for sale Tuesday arrived Wednesday morning, and proved even better than the dealers expected. The fish are large, and average above four pounds in weight, 18 of them weighing 76 pounds. The dealers expect to have shad for sale now regularly, as the season opens up quickly further north, and the Carolinas are heard from soon after shad appear in Florida.

The fishermen in the provinces have taken seriously to fishing for smelts, and large lots are coming from them. Yesterday morning 200 boxes were received from St. John, and more are expected today.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Onato, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, Sch. Morning Star, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 8000 cod.
Sch. Hortense, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Hope, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 800 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Valentina, 1300 haddock, 2200 cod, 800 cusk, 700 pollock.
Sch. Esther Gray, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Athena, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.35 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; cusk, \$3.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

TWO POLLOCKERS YESTERDAY.

Only Fishing Arrivals For Past 24 Hours.

The vessels came along slowly, but really very few are due from off shore. Some 10 of the herring fleet are on the way and will come straggling in during the next 10 days, in all probability. Some few of them should be here before the week is out.

This morning there are no arrivals here except three vessels down from Boston, with no fish.

Yesterday afternoon the steam netters Nomad and Quoddy came in, the former with 4000 pounds and the latter with 6000 pounds, both mostly pollock.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston.
Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.
Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.
Sch. Lydia, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rex, haddocking.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, Georges.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb., for white, and 11c for gray.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt headline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory headline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Has Salt Herring.

Sch. Ellen L. Maxner, bound for Boston from Bay of Islands, via Lunenburg, N. S., has a cargo of salt herring instead of frozen herring as was previously reported.

THE BIGGEST FISH.

What is thought to be the biggest striped bass ever caught was landed at San Antonio, Cal., December 18, by C. R. Bond. The fish weighed 55 pounds, was 49 1-2 inches in length and 38 1-2 inches in girth.

Herring Vessels at North Sydney.

Schs. Essex and Corsair from Bay of Islands, N. F., for this port, were at North Sydney Sunday last.

MOSTLY FROM MARKET BOATS.

Fair Amount of Fish at Boston Today.

There is a fair amount of fresh fish at T wharf today and practically the whole of it is from the market boats, as none of the big off-shore vessels are in. Despite this, there is an apparent softening of prices, which indicates that trade is not too good.

Some of the shore fleet have fine trips, but the dealers are evidently expecting that the off-shore vessels will pile in between now and Monday and load them up and therefore \$3.00 is the banner price for haddock and large cod. Hake hold pretty good and pollock are at \$2.00 but there is an evident weakness to the market which bodes no great prospect for the craft arriving the rest of this week.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 5000 cod.
Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Nettie, 400 haddock, 1200 cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 16,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 4500 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock, 300 halibut.
Sch. Motor, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 7000 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Rebecca, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Maxwell, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Tecumseh, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 8000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 3500 haddock, 1700 cod, 1000 hake, 4500 pollock.
Sch. Galatea, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Louis C. Totman, 7000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 10,000 haddock, 200 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5500 haddock, 100 cod, 1200 pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2; halibut, 38c per lb.

STEAM NETTERS MADE TRIPS.

Cargo of Salt Herring Also Arrived Here.

The steam netters made their daily trip yesterday and got in about dark with fair catches, but this morning there are no arrivals.

The British sch. Juniata, which has been looked for for several days, came along before nightfall, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring. It is reported that the cargo is sold to L. A. Treat of Boston and that it will be smoked here, although this latter is denied here.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Br. sch. Juniata, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls. salt herring, 300 bbls. pickled herring.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Etta Mildred, Eastern deck
handlining.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.
Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.

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Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
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MANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE**Fish and Game Commissioners Favor Licenses For Lobstermen.****Advise Increase of Birds Feeding On Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.**

In the annual report of the commissioners of fisheries and game, are 21 recommendations, which cover a wide range of subjects. Among the more important of the changes suggested are that lobster fishermen and dealers in lobsters be licensed, a short open season in which deer may be shot, and a special investigation to see how birds that are known to feed on gypsy and other moths can be increased or colonized in the infected districts.

The recommendations follow:

1. That investigation be made of the infectious diseases of native birds and of foreign birds introduced into the state, with a report including expert opinions upon the probability of such diseases spreading among our native birds, and so far as possible suggesting remedies and methods for preventing such infection, and that for these purposes money be appropriated from money received by the commonwealth for hunting licenses.

2. That a biological investigation and report be made upon the adaptability of the public waters of the state for rearing food fishes, to devise methods and to determine, as nearly as possible, the quantity of fish which various waters are capable of producing annually; to ascertain the best methods of stocking such waters, and that an appropriation not exceeding \$2000 a year, for three years be appropriated for this purpose.

3. That the laws relative to

Shooting From Boats Propeled By Mechanical Means

other than oars should be so defined as to make plain their meaning relative to power boats when not under power.

4. That the commission should have authority to purchase, lease or receive as gift lands to be used as bird reservations, i. e., specially protected breeding places for birds. Property thus acquired should become the property of the commonwealth, to be administered by the commissioners on fisheries and game for the purpose of securing the utmost possible population of useful birds. Whenever necessary to confirm titles, power of eminent domain should be given similar to that in chapter 504, acts of 1907, and that of the money received by the commonwealth for the hunters' licenses a sum not exceeding \$5000 annually may be expended for the purpose of acquiring land for said purposes.

Recommendations Regarding Lobster Legislation.

5. That to secure more satisfactory enforcement of the laws the legal measurement of lobsters should be made upon the shell (carapace), exclusive of the tail, and that this legal measure of length should be 4 3-4 inches, in conformity with the laws of Maine.

6. That all lobster fishermen, dealers and all persons catching or transporting lobsters within this commonwealth should be licensed.

7. That all lobsters or parts of lobsters sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must be sold and delivered in the shell.

8. We renew our recommendation of last year for more adequate and economical facilities for propagating and distributing food fish and useful birds.

9. Also for such amendment of the laws as will insure the development of the mollusk fisheries below high-water mark in such a manner as to permit increase in the economic yield of food material; to furnish wider opportunities and unskilled labor.

10. The laws relative to deer should be amended so as to permit a short

open season under suitable restrictions.

11. Dogs should not be allowed to run at large during the breeding season of birds in areas frequented by them, from March 1 to Oct. 1.

12. Special investigation should be made to determine how those birds which feed upon gypsy, brown tail moths, leopard moths, cut worms and other noxious insects, can be increased or colonized within the infected regions or in special localities.

Proposed Legislation Relating to Hunters' Licenses.

13. Some decision should be made relative to the issuance of duplicate licenses under acts of 1907, chapter 198 (the non-resident hunters' license law), as amended by acts of 1909, chapter 262, and acts of 1908, chapter 484 (the resident hunters' license law), as amended by acts of 1909, chapter 325. Also, under same acts, the person applying for a license should be required to establish his identity, and for the purpose of permitting effective enforcement the requirements for license or registration should be extended to all persons hunting for any species of bird or mammal. And, further, required that the license or certificate of registration should be carried on the person when hunting. Minors under 16 years of age making application for registration should be required to have the consent of their parents or guardian in writing. Upon conviction of violations of game laws persons holding licenses should be instructed by the court convicting them to surrender such license to the deputy who secures the conviction, and that said license shall then be sent to the office of the commission.

14. Many complaints have arisen relative to the damage done to crops and to other property by gray squirrels. Some provision should be made for reimbursement by the state, or else a short open season, with a "bag limit," should be permitted in those sections where damage is most frequent.

Favor Amendment and Report of Certain Laws.

15. The protection of upland plover expires by limitation July 15, 1910. We recommend that this be extended until July 15, 1915.

16. Section 2 of chapter 92 of the revised laws (for the protection of ruffed grouse) as amended by acts of 1906, chapter 278, should be further amended to coincide with the date of the open season on hares and rabbits.

17. Chapter 285, acts of 1907, which permits the taking of clams and quahaugs from contaminated waters, should be repealed.

18. Depositing shavings, garbage ashes, acids, dye stuffs and other waste materials which may directly or indirectly injure the economic value of public waters should be prohibited.

19. On petition of the mayor and alderman of a city or of the selectmen of a town within which a great pond or any portion thereof is situated, the commissioners on fisheries and game, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may prescribe such reasonable regulations relative to the fishing in such ponds and their tributaries, with such penalties not exceeding \$20 for one offence, as they deem to be for the public interest, and shall cause such regulations to be enforced.

20. The deputies of this commission should be authorized to arrest hunters whom they find in the act of tearing down walls, destroying fences, cutting trees, or injuring or destroying other property.

21. That chap. 367, sec. 1, acts of 1904 be amended so as to allow the commissioners on fisheries and game or their deputies or other officers to search in certain places for fish and game without a warrant.